

Legal No. 16649

Legal Notice of Decision
Wing Mountain Fuels Reduction
and Forest Health Restoration Proj-
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On February 15, 2013, Earl Stewart, Forest Supervisor, Coconino National Forest, signed a Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Wing Mountain Fuels Reduction and Forest Health Restoration Project. The decision approves Alternative 2: Proposed Action, which implements a combination of treatments including thinning, prescribed burning, spring restoration, and road decommissioning to help restore forest structure and health to historical conditions, protect important soil and water resources, reduce hazard in the area and to better protect adjacent communities from wildfire within the Wing Mountain project area. The Environmental Assessment, Response to Comments and Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact are available at the Flagstaff Ranger District Offices and at

http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=3385.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to regulations at 36 CFR 215. Individuals or organizations who provided comment or otherwise expressed interest in the project during the comment period may appeal. Interest expressed or comments provided on this project prior to or after the close of the comment period do not have standing for appeal purposes.

The appeal must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service) with the appropriate Appeal Deciding Officer. Submit appeals to: Gilbert Zepeda, Acting Regional Forester, Southwestern Region, 333 Broadway Blvd. S.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, or at Fax # 505-842-3173. If hand delivered, the appeal must be received at the above address during business hours (Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm), excluding holidays. Electronic appeals may be submitted to: appeals-southwestern-regional-office@fs.fed.us with .doc, .rtf, .pdf, or .txt formats only. The appeal must have an identifiable name attached or verification of identity will be required. Names and addresses of appellants will become part of the public record. A scanned signature may serve as verification on electronic appeals.

Appeals, including attachments, must be in writing, fully consistent with 36 CFR 215.14, and filed (postmarked) within 45 days following the date this notice is published in the Arizona Daily Sun. This publication date is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal. Those wishing to appeal this decision should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source.

If no appeals are filed within the 45-day time period, implementation of the decision may occur on, but not before, 5 business days from the close of the appeal filing period.

When appeals are filed, implementation may occur on, but not before, the 15th business day following the date of the last appeal disposition.

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